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(B) PORT LOUIS A-6, JANUARY 27, 1978

1. CYCLONE "FLEUR," WHOSE CENTER PASSED WITHIN 50 MILES OF MAURITIUS DURING JANUARY 19-21, CAUSED RELATIVELY LIGHT DAMAGE AND BROUGHT HEAVY RAINS (WHICH WERE NEEDED). SEVEN ACCIDENTAL DEATHS WERE ATTRIBUTED TO THE STORM BUT DAMAGE TO HOUSING WAS MINIMAL. THE ISLAND'S ELECTRICAL AND TELEPHONE SYSTEMS, AS WELL AS THE VEGETABLE AND SUGAR CROPS EXPERIENCED HEAVIER DAMAGE.

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2. IN THE POLITICAL ARENA PRIME MINISTER RAMGOOLAM DURING A PRIVATE MEETING WAS APPARENTLY SUCCESSFUL IN MOLLIFYING FOR THE TIME BEING FOUR YOUNG LABOR PARTY DEPUTIES WHO SERVE AS PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARIES AND WHO HAD THREATENED TO RESIGN OVER NOT BEING GIVEN ANY AUTHORITY BY THEIR MINISTERS. THE MAURITIAN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY

(PMSD) LEADER, GAETAN DUVAL, SUBMITTED TO THE P.M. HIS PARTY'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON MEASURES TO HELP THE FLAGGING ECONOMY. THE REPORT CONCENTRATED ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EXTENDING THE FREE ZONE BY ATTRACTING MORE FOREIGN INVESTORS.

3. RUMORS HAVE SURFACED IN THE PRESS THAT THE OPPOSITION MAURITIAN MILITANT MOVEMENT'S (MMM) LEFT WING IS UNHAPPY WITH THE PARTY'S CURRENT LEADERSHIP (I.E. BERENGER, DE L'ESTRAC, AND BHAYAT). THE MMM'S NEWSPAPER, LE MILITANT, CRITICIZED THE GOM FOR IMPORTING BEEF CATTLE FROM SOUTH AFRICA, CHARGING THAT THE POLICY PLACES MAURITIUS IN A SITUATION OF "DANGEROUS" DEPENDENCE ON SOUTH AFRICA.
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